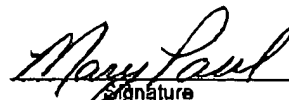


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In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2812

Examiner: Lynne Ann Gurley

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

- 1.
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| Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 |
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a. ☐ Previously submittedi. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_iii. ☐ Other:

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b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement  
(IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2.

**Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3.

**Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0786/DE0247:

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☒ Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw application from issue.

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

Respectfully submitted,

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